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TO: Directors of Education

FROM: Margot Trevelyan
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DATE: June 3, 2010

RE: Amendments to Ontario Regulation 357/06 – *Honoraria for Board Members*

I am writing to advise you of two policy amendments to Ontario Regulation 357/06 which were filed on June 3, 2010. The amendments came into effect on that date and affect all district school boards as they prepare to establish their trustee honorarium policy prior to elections on October 25, 2010.

The first amendment revokes the consultation requirement. Boards are no longer required to establish and consult with a citizens' advisory committee prior to establishing their honorarium policy.

The second changes the date by which boards must establish their honorarium policy from October 31 to October 15 in the year a term of office begins. This change ensures the policies are in place prior to the election of the new board members on October 25.

For clarity, your board must have its honorarium policy in place on or before October 15, 2010.

A copy of the amending regulation, which also includes some "housekeeping amendments," is attached for your reference.

In addition, the Government recently passed the *Public Sector Compensation Restraint to Protect Public Services Act, 2010*. Boards are advised to ensure that their trustee honorarium meets the requirements of the legislation and to consult with their legal counsel, if necessary, to ensure compliance.

If you have any questions regarding the amendments to Ontario Regulation 357/06 please contact me at (416) 325-2836 or by email at margot.trevelyan@ontario.ca.



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C: Executive Directors of Trustee Associations
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